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To establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer program
within the Department of Homeland Security.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. PRYOR) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer
program within the Department of Homeland Security.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Homeland Security
5 Technology Improvement Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOMELAND SECURITY TRANSFER PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 430 of the Homeland Se-
8 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 238) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
10 section (e);

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (8), by striking the pe-
5 riod and inserting “; and”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(9) overseeing and coordinating a multi-agency
8 homeland security technology, equipment, and infor-
9 mation transfer program to allow for the transfer of
10 technology, equipment, and information to State and
11 local law enforcement agencies.”; and

12 (3) by adding after subsection (c) the following:

13 “(d) TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND INFORMATION
14 TRANSFER PROGRAM.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall—

16 “(A) identify counterterrorism tech-
17 nologies, equipment, and information developed
18 or proven to be effective by—

19 “(i) consulting with the Undersecre-
20 tary for Science and Technology;

21 “(ii) establishing an advisory com-
22 mittee comprised of retired and active-duty
23 law enforcement officials from geographi-
24 cally diverse regions;

1 “(iii) consulting with State and local
2 law enforcement agencies; and

3 “(iv) entering into agreements and co-
4 ordinating with other Federal agencies to
5 maximize the effectiveness of the tech-
6 nologies, equipment, and information avail-
7 able to law enforcement agencies;

8 “(B) make these technologies, equipment,
9 and information available to State and local law
10 enforcement agencies on an annual basis;

11 “(C) accept applications from the head of
12 State and local law enforcement agencies that
13 wish to acquire such technologies, equipment,
14 and information to improve the homeland secu-
15 rity capabilities of those agencies, and review
16 such applications in coordination with the advi-
17 sory committee established under subparagraph
18 (A)(ii); and

19 “(D) transfer the approved technology,
20 equipment, and information, and provide the
21 appropriate training to the State or local law
22 enforcement agency pending the approval of the
23 application of the State or local law enforce-
24 ment agency under subparagraph (C).

1 “(2) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION EXPEND-
2 ITURE.—No more than 10 percent of the budget of
3 the technology, equipment, and information transfer
4 program under this subsection may be used for ad-
5 ministrative expenses.

6 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
7 There are authorized to be appropriated
8 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through
9 2014 to carry out this subsection.”.

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